

1-6. (CANCELED)

7. (NEW) A transmission for a motor vehicle, having an input shaft (1), an output shaft (2), and at least one countershaft (3), the transmission comprising at least one direct gear, having a downstream arranged area group, the input shaft (1') of the downstream arranged area group can be directly connected to the output shaft (2') of the downstream arranged area group, and parts that are not involved in power flow in the direct gear are designed such that the parts can one of be engaged or disengaged.

8. (NEW) The transmission according to claim 7, wherein the input and output shafts (1', 2') can be directly connected by means of a connecting element (6').